

Remarks

The present response is submitted in reply to the Office action which was issued on November 15, 2007. Claims 1-34 are pending in this application and each has been rejected in the Office action. By the present response, claims 12, 20, 24, 26, 30, 31 and 33 have been amended, and claims 1-11, 15, 28, 29 and 34 have been canceled. The subject matter of cancelled claim 15 has been incorporated into independent claims 12 and 20. The subject matter of cancelled claims 28 and 29 has been incorporated into independent claim 26. Claims 24 and 33 have been amended to substantially correspond to amended claims 12, 20 and 26. Claims 30 and 31 have been amended to maintain proper dependency. No new matter has been added.

Rejection of claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1-11 and 34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 2002-169736. It is noted that claims 1-11 and 34 have been canceled. Therefore, this rejection is no longer germane and should be withdrawn.

Claims 12-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 2002-223478. As discussed on pages 5-11 (Section 3) of the present Office action, the Examiner argues that the '478 reference teaches each and every limitation of present claims 12-33.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusion and submits that the present invention is patentably distinct from the invention disclosed in JP '478. Moreover, the Applicant submits that each and every feature set forth in the present claims (as amended) is not taught or disclosed by the cited reference, and therefore the

reference does not anticipate the present invention as set forth in claims 12-14, 16-27 and 30-33.

In particular, the Applicant notes that the present independent claims have been amended to incorporate the features of the present invention of a first alarm and a second alarm being different and being selected from the group of alarms consisting of sound, luminescence, vibration and screen information, or its combination, and the setting change being arbitrarily possibly from the mobile information terminal. Reference is made specifically to the limitations now recited in the last paragraph of each of independent claims 12, 20, 24, 26 and 33. The Applicant respectfully submits that the aforementioned features of the present independent claims are not taught or disclosed anywhere in the '478 prior art reference. Therefore, JP '478 clearly fails to anticipate the presently claimed invention. Withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

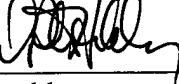
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing claims and arguments, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any remaining issues to be discussed which could expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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